

3,000 Seek to Cover Pope Paul's Visit

Three thousand representatives of communications media from all around the world are seeking press credentials for the historic visit of Pope Paul to the United Nations Oct. 4.

Special press tickets will be issued on an extremely limited scale, making it necessary that different segments of the media form pools. Separate tickets will admit the press to each of eight or nine areas or events.

News Center

Approximately 600 representatives of the news media attended a press conference Wednesday at the Papal Visit News Center, United Nations Plaza Building, 866 United Nations, New York, N. Y. 10017.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. T. J. Flynn, the director, explained that press credentials will have to be restricted to meet the requirements of the Holy See and the lack of space. He said the residence of Cardinal Spellman, where the Holy Father will rest and have two meals during the day, will be entirely off limits to the press. No flash bulbs will be permitted in St. Patrick's Cathedral or in Yankee Stadium during the Mass for Peace.

The assistant director, the Very Rev. Msgr. T. J. McGovern, said the Papal Visit News Center will supply the press with background information about those who are in the Papal party, the Mass and vestments.

O'Brien Coordinator

Edward V. O'Brien, head of the public relations firm of Edward V. O'Brien Associates, which is handling publicity for the New York World's Fair, has been named news media coordinator for the Papal Visit News Center. Mr. O'Brien announced that all inquiries for general information and accreditation should be directed to him and his assistant coordinators: Ken Graham—reporters, correspondents, wire services; John Harper—magazines; Jack Downey—photographers and newsreels; Jack Slocum—television and radio.

The first event of the day for the press to cover will be at 9:30 a.m. at Kennedy International Airport, where Secretary-General U Thant of the United Nations will welcome the Pope. His Holiness will extend a greeting to the people of the United States from a platform

In the 24-mile motorcade to St. Patrick's Cathedral, there will be only one open press car, with pool representatives of reporters, still photographers, newsreels and television-radio. There will be no truck for cameramen.

Only 60 media men, not including tv, will be accommodated in the Cathedral for the arrival there.

Press credentials for the Pope's visit at the United Nations will be handled by the United Nations Press Office.

Holy Family Church, nearby, where His Holiness will stop for a brief visit with Catholic, Protestant and Jewish groups maintaining contacts with United Nations affairs, is small and the press pool there will of necessity be small.

266 Writers

There will be tickets for a pool of 266 writers for the Mass for Peace at Yankee Stadium and still photographers will be accommodated in the hanging press box, while tv men will have other facilities. There will be 90,000 tickets issued for the public through each Catholic diocese with some tickets allotted to the National Council of Churches (Protestant) and the National Board of Rabbis (Jewish).

Only a few press people can be admitted into the relatively small Vatican Pavilion at the New York World's Fair during the Pope's brief stop there. For vantage points in the grounds of the Fair, accreditation may be obtained from Joyce Martin of Mr. O'Brien's staff in the Press Building at the Fair.

The midnight departure will be covered by a pool from the press at Kennedy International Airport.

Police Cards

Deputy Police Commissioner Joseph Martin, formerly a *New York Daily News* reporter, said regular working press cards may be used by reporters and photographers along the routes of the various motorcades. He will issue hundreds of extra one-day cards to supplement the regular ones.

He said conferences will be held soon with the Secret Service about plans for President Johnson's visit to New York the night before and during the

Service requires special credentials for the press covering a Presidential visit and does not recognize regular police working press cards.

The News Center leaders are overwhelmed with requests for credentials, so it had to be announced that no tickets could be issued for out-of-town press. However, many Washington correspondents will accompany the President, as usual, and scores of foreign correspondents based in Washington want to cover the Pope's visit.

Two Press Planes

Two planes filled with European newsmen are scheduled to land an hour ahead of the Pope's plane and accommodations must be found for them to cover at

least some events of the day.

Mr. O'Brien and his assistants will issue seven different accreditations—airport-arrival, motorcade, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Holy Family Church, Yankee Stadium, Vatican Pavilion, airport departure.

The United Nations Press Office will issue credentials for the visit there.

The Police Department will issue press cards for standing along the motorcade routes.

The Secret Service may order the usual special police cards for the President's visit.

Out-of-town newspaper editors wanting tickets to Yankee Stadium were advised to seek them through the Catholic Church, the National Council of Churches or the National Board of Rabbis.